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IN RE APPLICATION OF
Ross A. Benson et al.

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SERIAL NO.: 09/973,208

EXAMINER: Barbara J. Musser

FILED: 10/09/2001

GROUP ART UNIT: 1733

TITLE: Co-Bonded Joint with Z-Pins

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 8, 2003, please amend the claims as set forth below:

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x The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0259(0408RF.045511) Bracewell & Patterson.

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